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1. A total of 36 T-34/85 tanks was shipped from the Perleberg (N 54/T 70) airfield on 22 March 1952. On 23 March, 3 T-34/85 tanks, [redacted] 1 SP gun and 1 prime mover were loaded at the Perleberg railroad station. The train left in the direction of Wittstock. (1)
2. Only 14 vehicles and three 37-mm AA guns of the AAA unit with motor vehicles [redacted] were still located in the Artillerie Kaserne in Kuestrin (O 53/V 66) after 30 March. The soldiers still seen in the installation received training with guns, close-order drill and physical training. Officers and EM daily practiced driving with [redacted] (2)
3. On 3 April, a train of about 30 cars carrying about 25 T-34/85 tanks, [redacted] and 5 T-34 chassis, each carrying 2 large tube-shaped containers, was seen at the Oranienburg (N 53/Z 67) railroad station. (3)
4. Between 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. on 4 April, about 100 T-34/85 tanks; about 20 JS-3 tanks; about 20 SU-100 SP guns; about 100 trucks with about 40 x 160-mm mortars [redacted] 8 field kitchens, 2 x 50-mm AT guns, armored reconnaissance car [redacted] and armored personnel carrier [redacted] were seen leaving the Kavallerieschule in Krampnitz (N 53/Z 64) in the direction of Nauen. About 3,000 troops were with the convoy.

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(1) [redacted] Comments.

As the 58th Meez Regt of the 18th Meez Div is believed located in the Artillerie Kaserne in Perleberg, the tanks probably belong to another tank unit of the division.

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[redacted] Medium tanks and SP guns were repeatedly observed at the airfield in Perleberg. This observation as well as the fact that the correct number of tanks to correspond to a medium tank regiment have not been observed in Parchim since the fall of 1951, tends to indicate that the unidentified medium tank regiment of the 18th Meez Div may be stationed at Perleberg airfield.

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[redacted] The tanks probably moved to the Wittstock training grounds where a tank detachment of a unit from Ludwigslust had been seen in late March 1952. See HOL-18113 (SA-87492x).

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(3) It cannot be determined whether the train carrying a tank unit of the 25th Tank Div had arrived for unloading or proceeded. The tube-shaped containers on the tank chassis may have been reserve fuel tanks.

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